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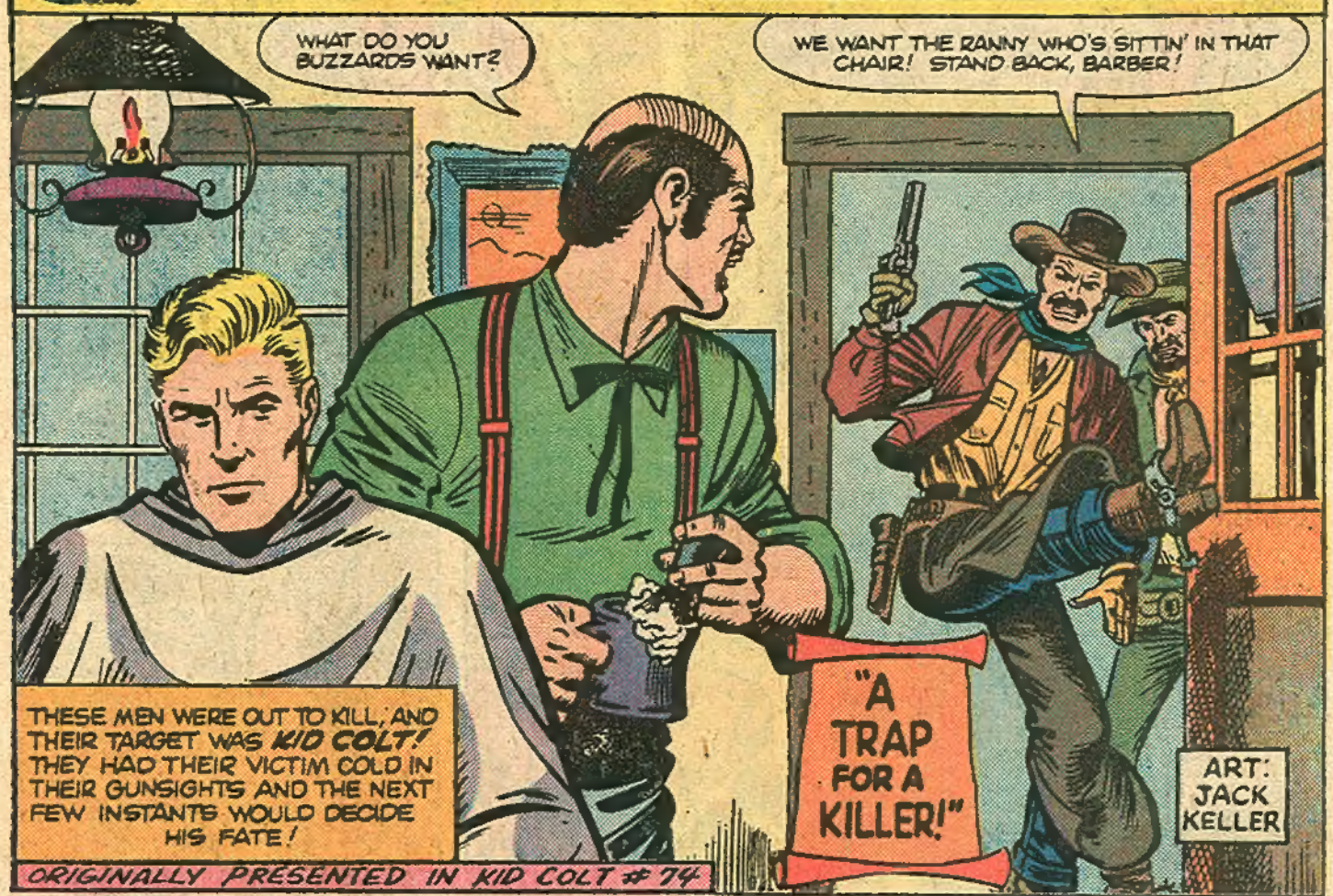
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THE KID MOVED LIKE A PANTHER...
THANKS FOR THE ASSIST, CHET!
TALK FAST! WHO'S PAYING YOU DIRTY WAGES TO GUN ME?
NOBODY! WE AIN'T HIRED GUNS! I THINK MEBBE WE JUMPED THE WRONG MAN!
TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT MY FACE, YOU COYOTES! WHO DID YOU MISTAKE ME FOR?
YOU AIN'T HIM! WE WERE AFTER A RAMROD WHO JUMPED OUR CAMP AN' STOLE OUR HORSES!
YOU'RE LYING THROUGH YOUR TEETH! GET OUT AND GET SCARCE, OR THE NEXT TIME WE MEET, YOU WON'T GET OFF SO EASY!
YOU THINK IT WAS A MISTAKE, KID?
YES! BUT THEY LIED ABOUT LOSING THEIR HORSES! THEY WOULDN'T HAVE MADE THAT MISTAKE, IF THEY WEREN'T HIRED GUNS!
I FIGURED YOU'D BE INVOLVED IN THAT SHOOTING RUCKUS, COLT! HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN TOWN?
SINCE LAST NIGHT...AND DON'T TRY TO PIN SOMEBODY ELSE'S TROUBLE ON ME, SHERIFF!
LET'S GO TO MY OFFICE, COLT! I THINK I'LL BE NEEDING THE ADVICE OF AN EXPERT ON GUNS AND SHOOTING!
GLAD TO HELP OUT, SHERIFF!
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TAKE A LOOK AT THOSE CASES AND TELL ME WHAT YOU THINK!
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THOSE SHELLS KILLED THE SAN PEDRO PONY EXPRESS RIDER! AND SHELLS JUST LIKE THEM WERE USED TO BUSHWHACK THREE STAGES IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS!
YOU'D HAVE A TOUGH TIME TRACING THE OWNER OF THOSE SHELLS, SHERIFF!
I KNOW IT! THAT'S WHY I'VE CALLED IN A SPECIAL AGENT OUT OF KANSAS CITY! HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN HERE BY NOW!
SHERIFF, THAT SPECIAL AGENT JUST GOT HERE... LASHED TO THE SADDLE OF HIS HORSE!
WHAT? BRING HIM IN HERE AND CALL DOC DALTON!
SET HIM DOWN EASY ON THE COT YONDER, BOYS! HAS HE SAID ANYTHING?
NOPE! LOOKS LIKE HE'S BEEN OUT COLD FOR A LONG TIME! I'LL FETCH SOME WATER, SHERIFF!
KID UNLESS MY EYES ARE PLAYIN' TRICKS, THIS POOR HOMBRE IS A DEAD RINGER FOR YOU! I NEVER SAW SUCH A LIKENESS!
NEITHER DID I! IT'S ALMOST LIKE LOOKING INTO A MIRROR!
REWARD
ALL RIGHT NOW! MAKE ROOM... HOW BAD IS HE, SHERIFF?
NASTY SHOULDER WOUND FROM THE LOOKS OF IT! IT MAY BE WORSE THOUGH!
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MINUTES LATER, KID COLT EMERGED FROM THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE...
THERE GOES THAT HOMBRE OUT OF KANSAS CITY! WE BETTER FINISH HIM ONCE AN' FOR ALL!
WAIT TILL SHOTGUN BELLOWS FINDS OUT HE'S STILL ALIVE! WE'D BETTER TRAIL HIM AN' GET WORD TO SHOTGUN ABOUT THIS!
SHERIFF
HE'S BOOKIN' A RIDE ON THAT STAGE CARRYIN' THE BIG NUGGET PAYLOAD!
LET'S GO! WE CAN GET TO CONDOR PASS BEFORE THEY DO AN' TELL SHOTGUN ABOUT THIS!
MINUTES LATER...
YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO?
I SURE DO! I KEEP PUSHING THE STAGE NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS!
IT HAPPENED AS THE STAGE THUNDERED THROUGH CONDOR PASS...
I'LL HANDLE THEM! KEEP THE STAGE MOVING!
GEEAPP! YAHHH! MOVE, YOU SWAY-BACKED CAYUSES!
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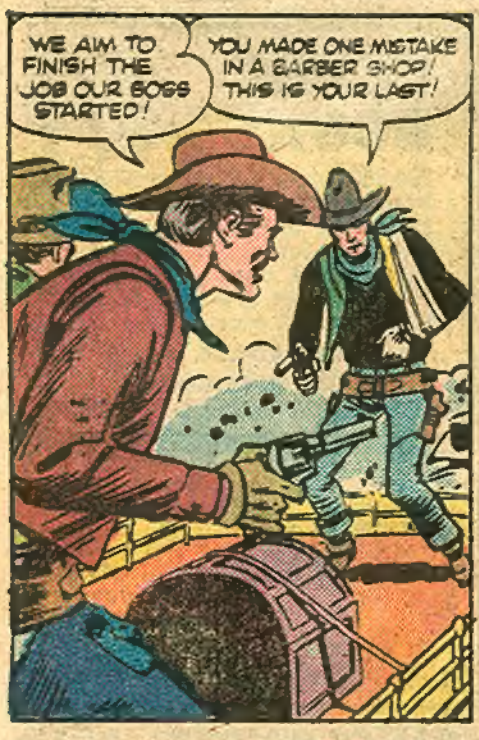


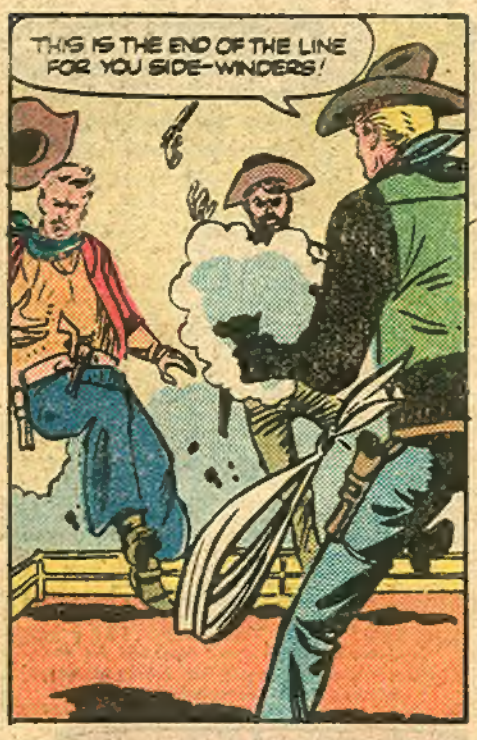

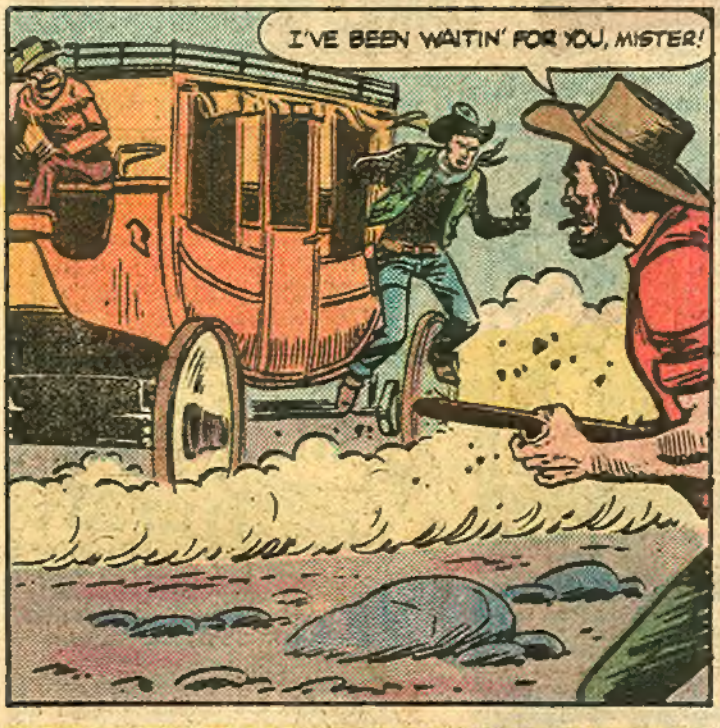

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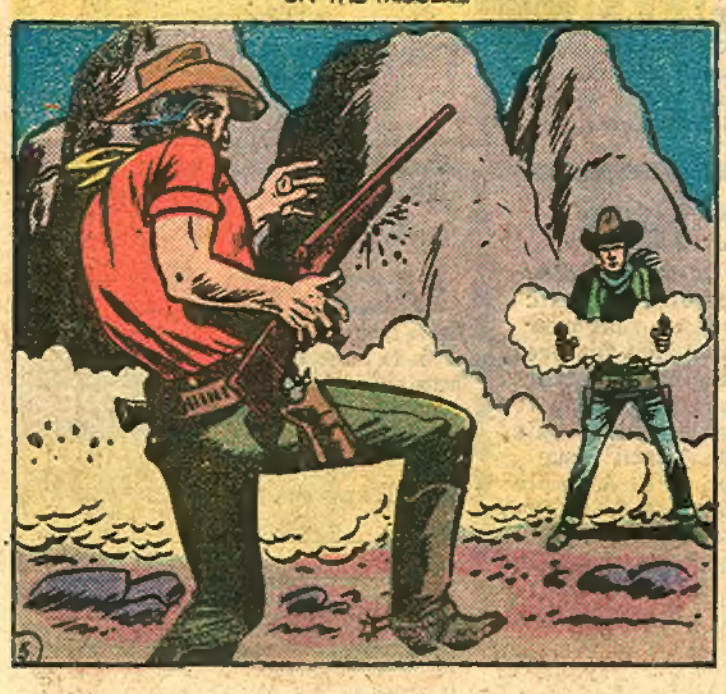

LATER...

WE PICKED THOSE COYOTES UP ON THE TRAIL BACK THERE! THAT BOY FROM KANSAS CITY IS GOING TO BE OKAY! WHO'S THIS?
THE MAN BEHIND THE SHOTGUN KILLINGS! AND THERE'S THE WEAPON... RECKON IT'S ALL THE EVIDENCE YOU'LL NEED TO CONVICT THIS RATTLER, SHERIFF!
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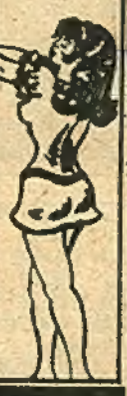

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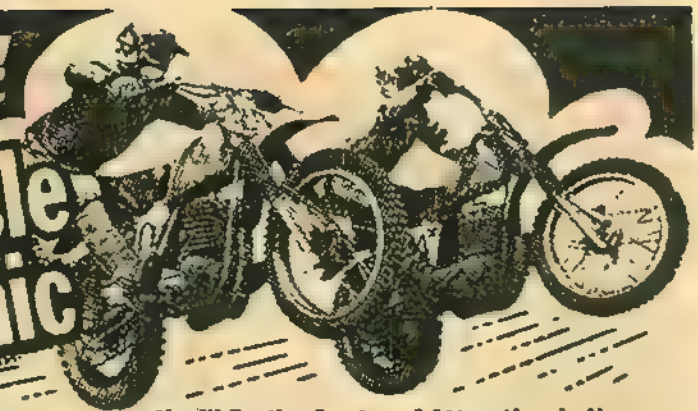

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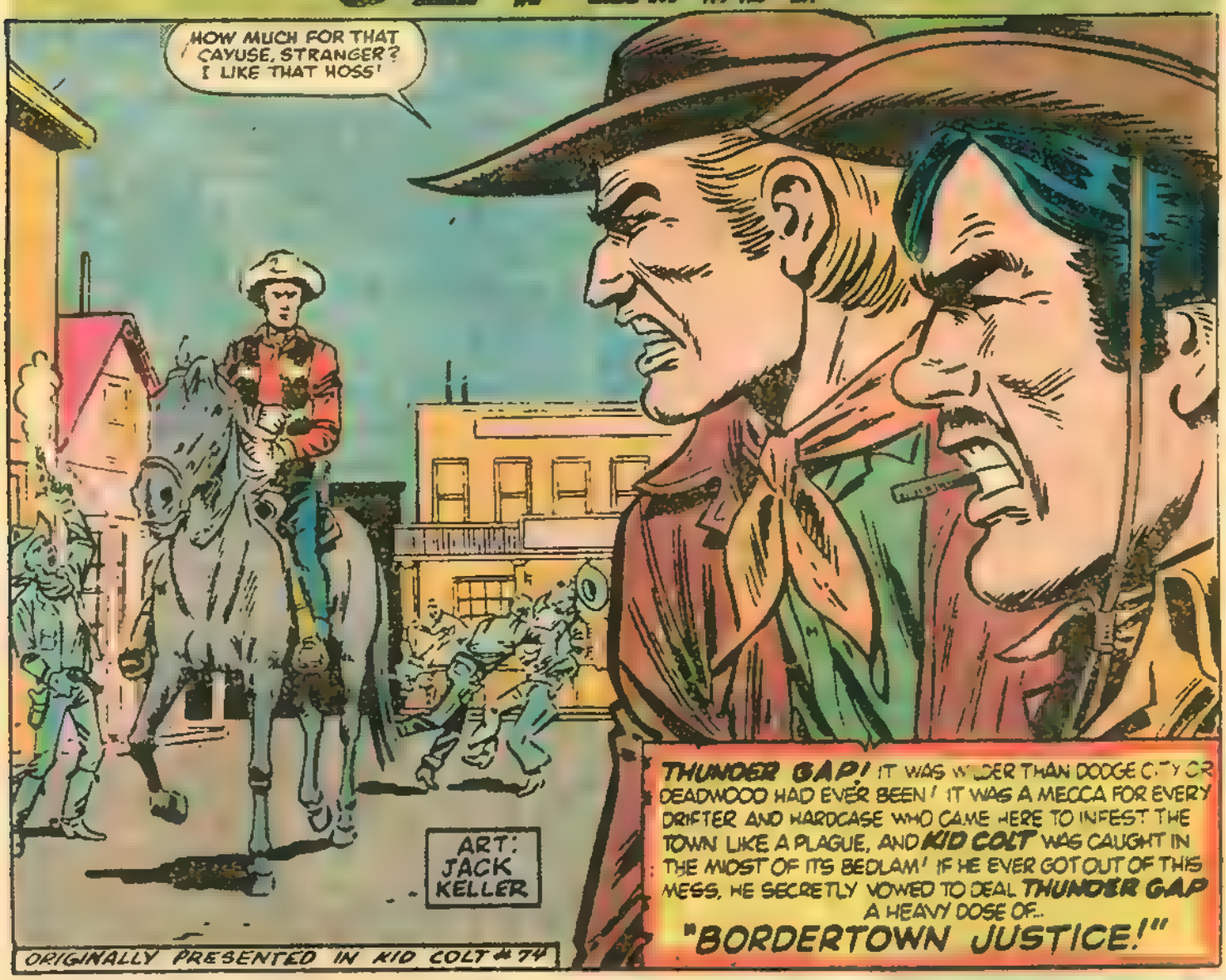
HOW MUCH FOR THAT CAYUSE, STRANGER? I LIKE THAT HOSS!
ART: JACK KELLER
THUNDER GAP! IT WAS WILDER THAN DODGE CITY OR DEADWOOD HAD EVER BEEN! IT WAS A MECCA FOR EVERY DRIFTER AND HARDCASE WHO CAME HERE TO INFEST THE TOWN LIKE A PLAGUE, AND KID COLT WAS CAUGHT IN THE MIDST OF ITS BEDLAM! IF HE EVER GOT OUT OF THIS MESS, HE SECRETLY VOWED TO DEAL THUNDER GAP A HEAVY DOSE OF... "BORDERTOWN JUSTICE!"

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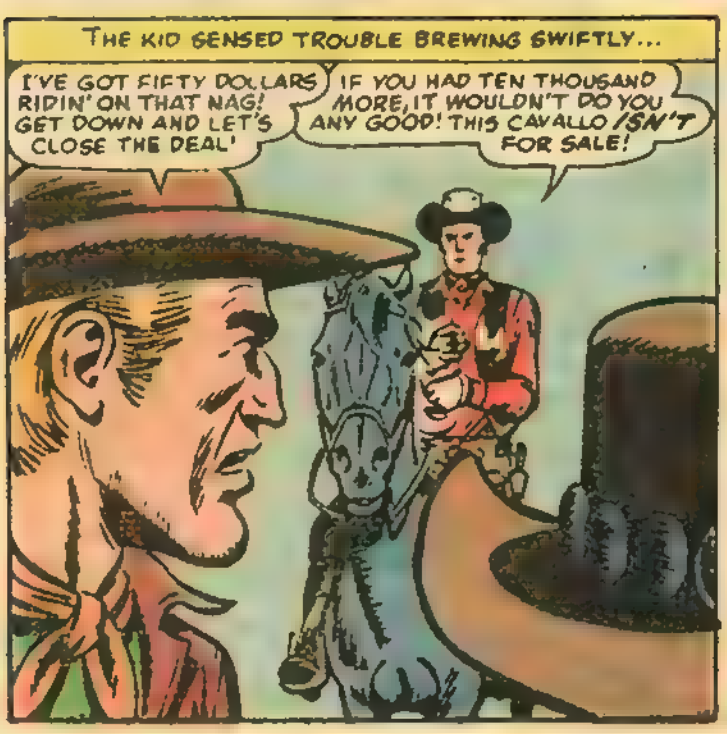
THE KID SENSED TROUBLE BREWING SWIFTLY...
I'VE GOT FIFTY DOLLARS RIDIN' ON THAT NAG! GET DOWN AND LET'S CLOSE THE DEAL'
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THE ROPE HISSED OUT AND THE KID MADE HIS PLAY...
YOU'LL HAVE TO BACK UP THAT ROPE WITH A GUN IF YOU WANT TO PRESS YOUR BARGAIN!
MY GUNS WILL TALK FOR HIM, STRANGER!
LET'S TAME THAT GUN-TOTER ONCE AN' FOR ALL!
COME IN AND TRY!
THE CROWD SURGED IN FROM ALL SIDES
BUMP 'EM, STEEL! LET'S CUT A WIDE SWATHE IN THIS BUNCH OF RATTLERS!
THE GREAT STALLION WHIRLED LIKE A TWISTER THROUGH A TOY SHOP...
AND SUDDENLY, A NEW VOICE ROARED ABOVE THE BEDLAM AS A LEATHER-APRONED GIANT HURLED HIMSELF INTO THE FRAY...
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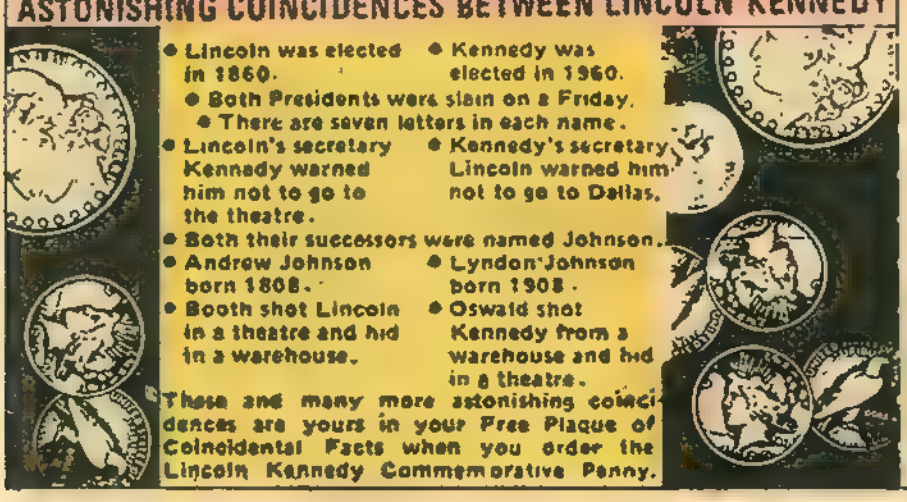

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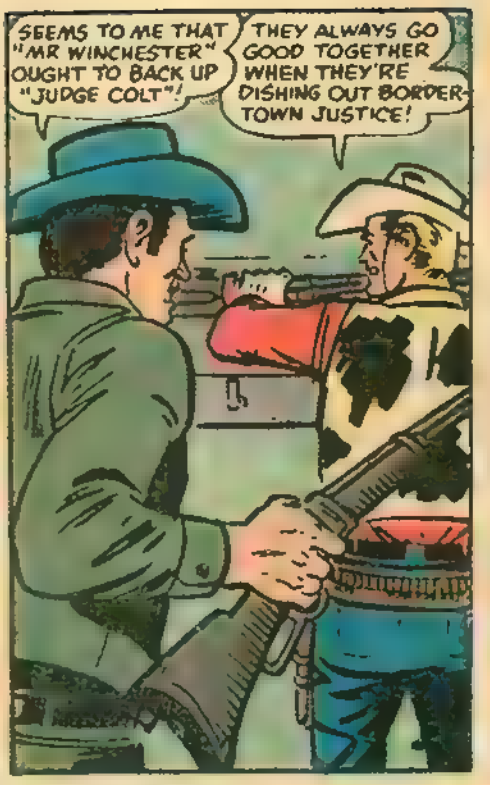
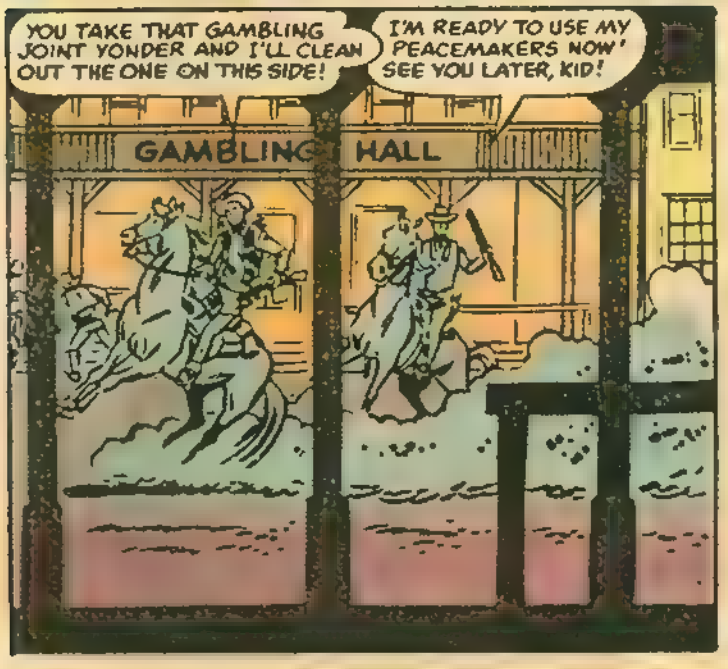
LATER...
THIS IS THE LAST SHOE I'LL EVER BEND IN THUNDER GAP! I'M SAYING GOOD-BYE TO FIFTEEN YEARS OF HARD WORK HERE!
THAT'S TOO BAD, TOM! I RECKON THIS ISN'T THE BEST PLACE TO BRING UP A FAMILY! WHERE ARE THE LAWMEN IN THIS TOWN?
LAWMEN? IS EIGHTY DOLLARS A MONTH WORTH A MAN'S LIFE? I DON'T THINK ANY LAWMAN EVER STAYED HERE LONG ENOUGH TO COLLECT HIS WAGES!
WHY DID YOU WAIT SO LONG TO DECIDE ON MOVING OUT?
ALL I'VE GOT IS ONE SON, AND I'VE SAVED EVERY PENNY I MADE TO SEND HIM TO LAW SCHOOL BACK EAST! HE'S DUE HOME TOMORROW AND I'M ASHAMED TO SEE HIM COME BACK TO A TOWN LIKE THIS!
THERE'S NO USE PRACTICING LAW IN A TOWN THAT HAS NO LAWS! WHAT DOES THE BOY LOOK LIKE, TOM?
I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM IN YEARS, BUT HE'D BE A KIND OF SHORT AND SCRAWNY LAD... TOOK AFTER HIS MA, NOT ME! HE WAS ALWAYS THE BOOK-READIN' TYPE, AND I RECKON HE HASN'T CHANGED MUCH!
WELL, I'LL KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR HIM! MAYBE I CAN HELP YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND ABOUT MOVING!
THE FOLLOWING DAY, AT THE THUNDER GAP DEPOT...
LOOKS LIKE TOM'S BOY MISSED THE TRAIN!
HOWDY! I'M WONDERING IF YOU SAW A SHORT, THIN LAD ON THIS TRAIN BOUND FOR THUNDER GAP!
I DON'T BELIEVE I DID! I HAD LOTS OF TIME TO LOOK OVER THE PASSENGERS, BUT A MAN OF THAT DESCRIPTION WASN'T ON BOARD!

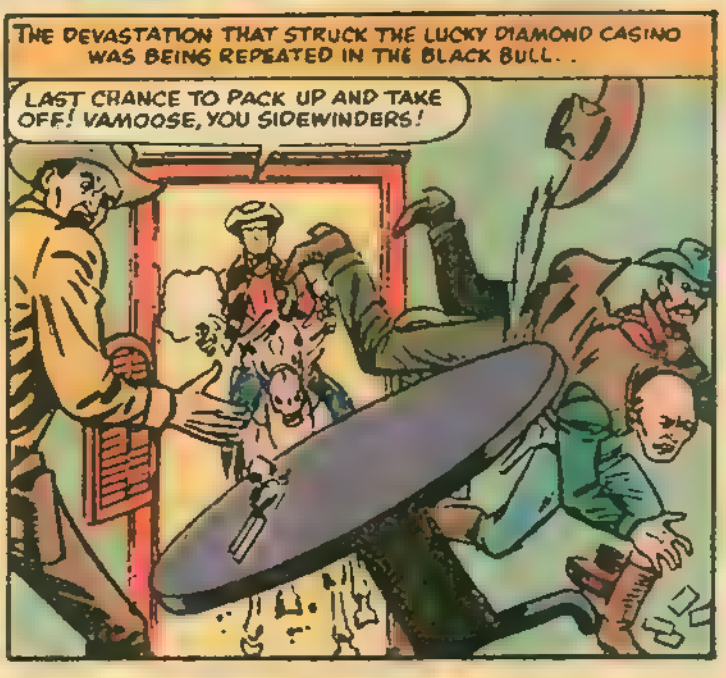
YOU LOOK KIND OF UPSET! MAYBE THE BOY WILL SHOW UP ON ANOTHER TRAIN!
MAYBE! IF HE DOES HE WON'T BE TOO HAPPY! HIS FATHER IS MOVING OUT OF TOWN AND HASN'T SEEN THE LAD IN YEARS! HE'S SORT OF ASHAMED OF HIMSELF AND THIS TOWN, TOO!
THAT'S MIGHTY INTERESTING! I'D LIKE TO HEAR MORE ABOUT THIS BUSINESS!
IF YOU'RE PLANNING TO STAY HERE, YOU MIGHT AS WELL GET THE LOWDOWN ON THUNDER GAP! LET'S GET A CIDER OVER THERE!
CAFE
AND THE STORY OF THUNDER GAP UNFOLDED..
THAT'S ABOUT IT! I'D LIKE TO HIT THIS TOWN ON MY OWN, BUT WITH TURNER LEAVING THERE'S REALLY NOTHING LEFT TO FIGHT FOR!
TELL YOU WHAT, KID! LET ME CHANGE MY CLOTHES AND GET A HORSE! I HAVE A HUNCH MAYBE THE TWO OF US CAN TEACH THIS TOWN A LESSON IN BORDERTOWN JUSTICE!
HALF AN HOUR LATER.
FIRST THING TO DO IS DIG UP ANY STATUTES AND ORDINANCES WHICH ARE STILL ON THE BOOKS, AND THAT MEANS A TRIP TO THE CLERK'S OFFICE!
THAT MAKES SENSE! THE OFFICE IS RIGHT OVER THERE DOWN THE STREET!
FIND YOURSELF ANOTHER HOLE, BOYS! THIS PLACE IS OURS AN' WE LIKE IT PEACEFUL WHEN WE'RE PLAYIN'!
PEACEFUL IS EXACTLY WHAT WE AIM TO MAKE THIS PLACE .. AFTER WE HEAVE YOU TRAMPS INTO THE GUTTER!
THE CLEAN-UP IN THUNDER GAP BEGAN WITH A ROAR OF SIX-GUNS...
THAT'S A GOOD START! NOW LET'S FINISH THE JOB!
THE ROWDY CITIZENS OF THUNDER GAP WERE AMAZED TO SEE A FINE TUMBLING ACT COME TO TOWN...
WHEN DID THE CARNIVAL COME TO TOWN?
I DON'T KNOW, BUT IF THEM CLOWNS ARE A SAMPLE, WE'RE IN FOR A GOOD SHOW!

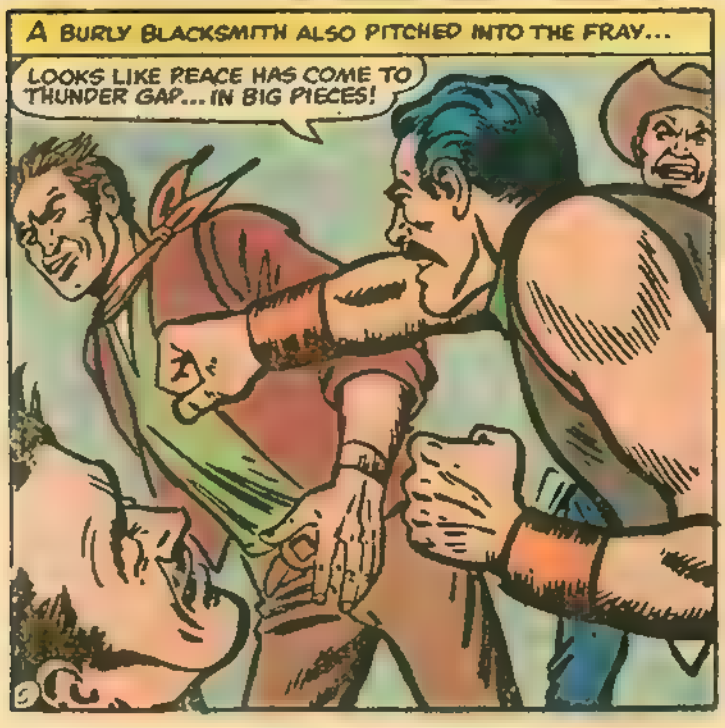
WE'RE IN LUCK! THESE TOWN ORDINANCES WERE NEVER TAKEN OFF THE BOOKS! THERE ARE ENOUGH LAWS HERE TO JAIL EVERY HARDCASE IN TOWN! ALL WE NEED IS TO ENFORCE THE LAWS!
WELL, BETWEEN US WE'VE GOT FOUR "JUDGE COLTS" AND TWENTY-FOUR OF HIS STATUTES! LET'S GO!

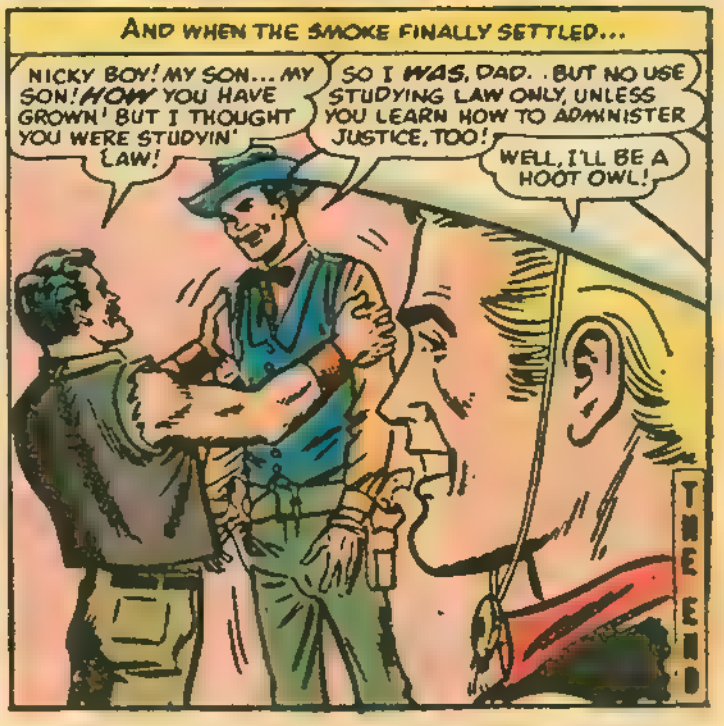

SEEMS TO ME THAT "MR WINCHESTER" OUGHT TO BACK UP "JUDGE COLT"!
THEY ALWAYS GO GOOD TOGETHER WHEN THEY'RE DISHING OUT BORDER-TOWN JUSTICE!

IT WAS MANY A FORGOTTEN YEAR SINCE THUNDER GAP HAD SEEN SUCH A HOUSE CLEANING...
IS THIS WHAT YOU MEANT BY BORDER JUSTICE?
YEP! AND THE BIGGER THE DOSE THE BETTER THE CLEANING!


YOU TAKE THAT GAMBLING JOINT YONDER AND I'LL CLEAN OUT THE ONE ON THIS SIDE!
I'M READY TO USE MY PEACEMAKERS NOW! SEE YOU LATER, KID!
GAMBLING HALL


THE DEVASTATION THAT STRUCK THE LUCKY DIAMOND CASINO WAS BEING REPEATED IN THE BLACK BULL..
LAST CHANCE TO PACK UP AND TAKE OFF! VAMOOSE, YOU SIDEWINDERS!


A BURLY BLACKSMITH ALSO PITCHED INTO THE FRAY...
LOOKS LIKE PEACE HAS COME TO THUNDER GAP... IN BIG PIECES!


AND WHEN THE SMOKE FINALLY SETTLED...
NICKY BOY! MY SON... MY SON! HOW YOU HAVE GROWN! BUT I THOUGHT YOU WERE STUDYIN' LAW!
SO I WAS, DAD. BUT NO USE STUDYING LAW ONLY, UNLESS YOU LEARN HOW TO ADMINISTER JUSTICE, TOO!
WELL, I'LL BE A HOOT OWL!
THE END

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ALL RIGHT, HOMBRE! THAT'S AS FAR AS YUH GO! GIT OUTTA THAT BUGGY!
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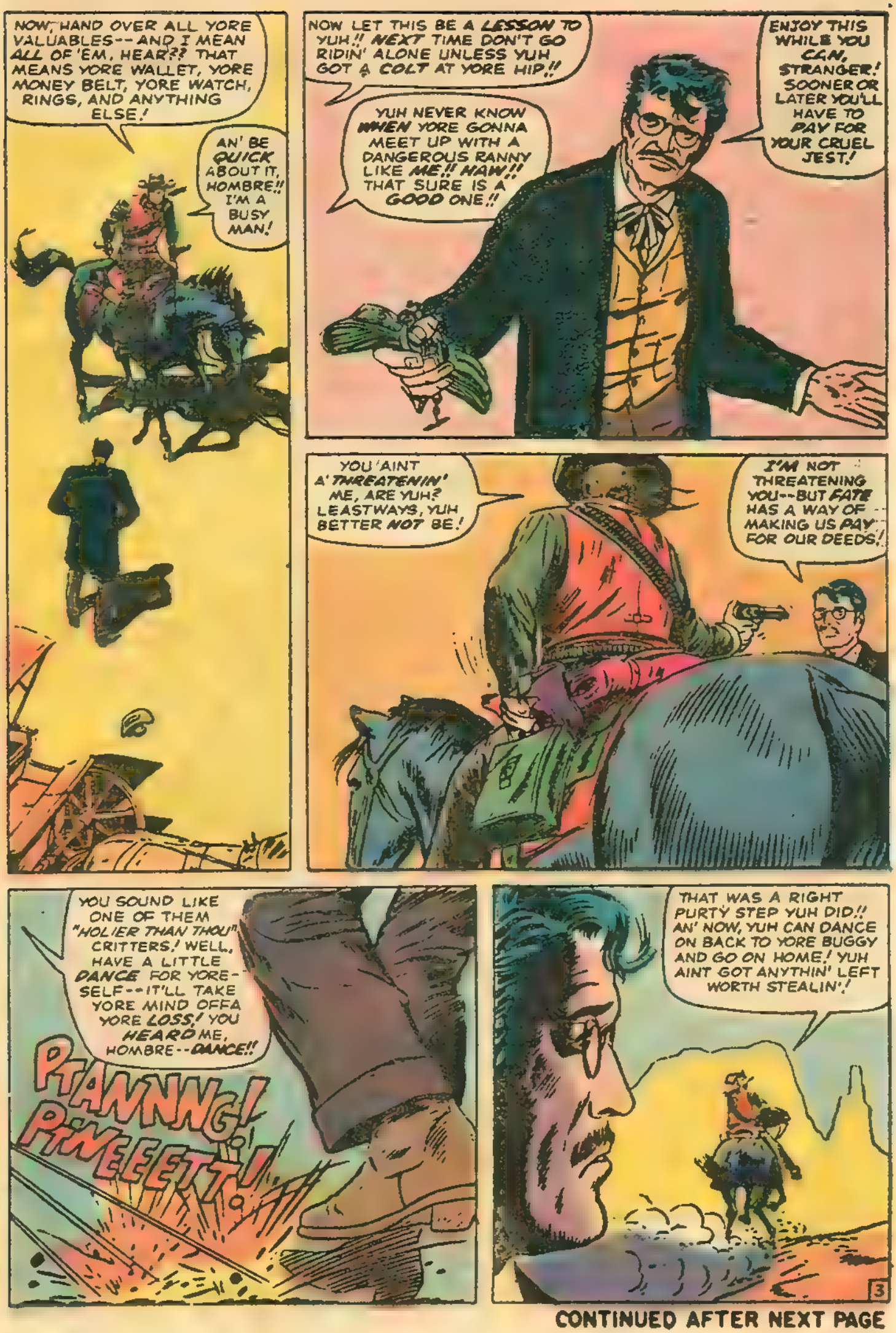
MISTER, I RECKON MEBBE YUH DON'T HEAR TOO GOOD! I SAID GIT OUTTA THAT BUGGY!
CRACK!
D-DON'T SHOOT AGAIN! I'LL GET OUT!
HUH! I KINDA THOUGHT YUH WOULD!
NOW, OPEN YORE COAT AND DROP YOUR HOLSTER AND YOUR GUN--REAL NICE AND EASY LIKE!
OPENING MY COAT IS EASY ENOUGH--BUT, AS YOU CAN SEE, I'M CARRYING NO GUN!
NO GUN ??!
HOMBRE, YOU MUST BE LOCO TO RIDE AROUND THE COUNTRY THATAWAY WITHOUT NO IRONS TO PROTECT YUH!
I DON'T BELIEVE IN FIREARMS --OR IN VIOLENCE!
WELL NOW, I'M PLUMB GLAD TO HEAR THAT!
YUH SURE DO MAKE IT EASY FOR A GENT LIKE ME TO ROB YUH!!


NOW, HAND OVER ALL YORE VALUABLES--AND I MEAN ALL OF 'EM, HEAR?! THAT MEANS YORE WALLET, YORE MONEY BELT, YORE WATCH, RINGS, AND ANYTHING ELSE!
AN' BE QUICK ABOUT IT, HOMBRE!! I'M A BUSY MAN!
NOW LET THIS BE A LESSON TO YUH!! NEXT TIME DON'T GO RIDIN' ALONE UNLESS YUH GOT A COLT AT YORE HIP!!
YUH NEVER KNOW WHEN YORE GONNA MEET UP WITH A DANGEROUS RANNY LIKE ME!! HAW!! THAT SURE IS A GOOD ONE!!
ENJOY THIS WHILE YOU CAN, STRANGER! SOONER OR LATER YOU'LL HAVE TO PAY FOR YOUR CRUEL JEST!
YOU 'AINT A' THREATENIN' ME, ARE YUH? LEASTWAYS, YUH BETTER NOT BE!
I'M NOT THREATENING YOU--BUT FATE HAS A WAY OF MAKING US PAY FOR OUR DEEDS!
YOU SOUND LIKE ONE OF THEM "HOLIER THAN THOU" CRITTERS! WELL, HAVE A LITTLE DANCE FOR YORE-SELF--IT'LL TAKE YORE MIND OFFA YORE LOSS! YOU HEARD ME, HOMBRE--DANCE!!
PTAWNNG! PTWEEEETT!
THAT WAS A RIGHT PURTY STEP YUH DID!! AN' NOW, YUH CAN DANCE ON BACK TO YORE BUGGY AND GO ON HOME! YUH AINT GOT ANYTHIN' LEFT WORTH STEALIN'!
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# NOTES AND NEWS ON A NESTFUL OF NERBISHES!

STAN LEE'S SOAPBOX

**Boy! I was so long-winded last ish, telling you all about our mighty Marvel Calendar and the great new ORIGINS OF MARVEL COMICS, both of which ought to be on sale right about now, as well as our HITLER documentary mag, plus NOSTALGIA ILLUSTRATED, and the TREASURY OF SPIDER-MAN, that I promised Roy and the gang I'd stifle myself a little this time in order to leave them a few paragraphs to tell you about the zillion other wonderments from the hallowed halls of Marvel!!**

**So, in order to give you a breather — and let the Bullpen carry the ball — I'll just take a minute to mention what a great time I had lecturing at the University of New Hampshire recently, and what a kick it was to receive the Popular Culture Association's Award of Excellence a few weeks ago in Milwaukee. You should have seen upwards of two thousand college students, professors, deans, and other dwellers in the rarified atmosphere of academia praising the merit and the miracle of Marveldom! Verily, 'twas a fete to remember! I can hardly tell you what a great source of satisfaction it is to know that, with your help, we've made the art of comic-books widely respected, universally accepted, and avidly acclaimed both here and overseas. Yep, I've gotta admit it — we're a great team, you and your blushin' Bullpen!**

**And now, unless Iron Man finds a pin-up of Aunt May in Conan's footlocker, I promise to clue you in on what's happening with our latest pulse-pounding project — the feature-length, live-action Spider-Man movie now in preparation — the next time we meet!**

**Excelsior!**

Stan

**ITEM!** We know it's a wee bit late, for those of you who've already picked up on our liltin' lineup of 75¢ and $1 magazines — and who *hasn't*? — but we thought we'd best clue you in officially: Ye Editor-in-Chief (that's ROY THOMAS, for you old-timers out there) has formally appointed a couple of new Editors to help him out with our ever-burgeoning titles. First there's Marvelous MARV WOLFMAN, who's being kept busy with DRACULA LIVES, VAMPIRE TALES, and our zestfully zany CRAZY Mag, while Roy himself keeps his hand in with SAVAGE TALES, SAVAGE SWORD OF CONAN, and our new science-fiction mag, the first issue of which (tentatively titled WORLDS UNKNOWN, Vol. 2, No. 1, last time we looked) should be on sale even as we speak! That leaves TONY "The Tiger" ISABELLA, aided and abetted by Cheerful CHRIS CLAREMONT, to preside over the bulk (and we do mean *bulk*!) of black-and-white masterpieces. And wouldn't you know that, with no less than four guys working fulltime, there's still more than the poor guys and our overworked production staff can handle!

**ITEM!** Let's hear a hearty "Welcome Aboard!" for a contingent of dynamic new artists who hail from the far-off Philippines, and who're adapting by leaps and bounds to the Mighty Marvel style of dramatic storytelling! First, there's Tremendously-Talented TONY deZUNIGA, who's currently earning hordes of new fans illustrating tales of Dracula and the Golem, as well as embellishing the Ka-Zar epics in SAVAGE TALES. Next, there's Awesome ALFREDO ALCALA, already earning kudos in the pages of ZOMBIE, SAVAGE SWORD OF CONAN, and elsewhere (Alfredo, believe it or don't, pencils and inks some sixty pages per month of beautiful, finely-detailed artwork). Thirdly, there's Slammin' SONNY TRINIDAD, whose Morbius and Dracula stories soon will chill you to the marrow — and then there's Startling STEVE GAN, whose "Brak the Barbarian" sagas in SAVAGE TALES are setting sword-and-sorcery fandom on its collective ear! In addition; there are several other up-and-coming young artists who will soon be thrilling you in the pages of our back-and-white blockbusters — all presided over, at our Eastern-Hemispheric Branch, by Tony's ever-lovin' spouse MARY deZUNIGA, who keeps all those pandemonious pages moving across the wide Pacific. They're all knocking themselves out, so let them — and us — know how you feel about their efforts in the months to come, okay?

**ITEM!** Here's a hale-and-hearty hello to DAVID ANTHONY KRAFT (hereinafter referred to as DAVE), who's piped himself aboard to help Dauntless DON McGREGOR proofread all our color comics. Not only is Dave a scripter to watch in his own write, as someone once said, but he's also a demon *literary agent* in his spare time! Don and Dave are backed up, in turn, by Roy's new Person Friday, Impish IRENE VARTANOFF, who's been active in fan circles for years and who's now overseeing our rhapsodic reprints and letters pages (when she isn't working on her Master's Thesis, that is — *nobody* rests at night among the batty Bullpen!). Like we said — welcome, one and all!

**ITEM!** It's not *all* unmitigated good news this month, though. Both DON HECK and GIL KANE's lovely wife ELAINE were in separate auto accidents, from which they're both recuperating (and doing nicely, we're overjoyed to say). Likewise, Lethal LARRY HAMA burned his fingers slightly in a freak electrical accident at the studio he shares with DICK GIORDANO, NEAL ADAMS, RALPH REESE, and others. Dick, Neal, *et al.* stepped in like troopers to help him finish off the current Iron Fist episode — for which thanks, both from us and from the legion of kung-fu fans the world over! (Whew! And you wondered why editors get gray hairs!?)

**ITEM!** Anybody out there catch Big JIM HARMON, West-Coast Editor of our photo-filled MONSTERS OF THE MOVIES mag, on a recent edition of the NBC-TV show "Knowledge" — or else on a certain nationally-syndicated news program? It seems that, ever since we hired J.H. to edit the magazine, he's been simultaneously discovered by the media men of the land, as well! (Just keep pluggin' M.O.M., Jim — not that you need any hints from us!)

**ITEM!** Can't resist sneaking in a plug for our newest nutty nonsense mag — for those of you who've made CRAZY the toast of the town (mainly, Hoboken, New Jersey). This one's for those of you who like your humor flavored with a touch of the *macabre* — a hint of the *horrible* — a pinch of the mysterious. And — are you ready for this? — the name of our new chills-and-chuckles sensation is . . . ARRGH! (No, Irving, that's not our reaction to it; that's the title: ARRGH! Pick up a copy today — and go ARRGH yourself! 'Nuff said!

Just a last-minute reminder that the MIGHTY MARVEL CALENDAR FOR 1975 is just going on sale in real live *bookstores* from coast to coast! We think you'll find it $3.95 well-spent (how's that for soft sell?). But, you know muddled-up Marvel: we always have to let a typo or two sneak thru, just to give you something to hunt for. So, we'll offer a shiny new no-prize to the first dozen Calendar purchasers who spot which day of the year is accidentally printed *twice* (while one day was omitted entirely). No fair finding *other* booboos, now — you know how insecure we get!

**ITEM!** That's all we've got room for on *this* page — but there's an extra item or three on our Bullpen Bonus Page, elsewhere in this issue. We wouldn't want you to think we've been *idle* now, would we? See you there, Marvelophile!

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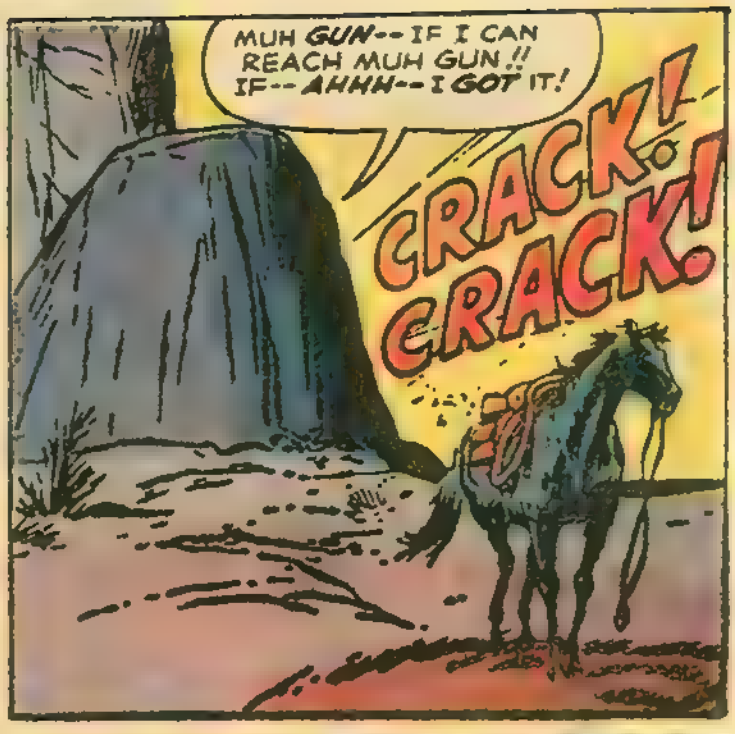
THAT SURE WAS THE EASIEST ROBBERY I EVER PULLED! I WISH I COULD MEET AN UNARMED JASPER LIKE HIM ON THE TRAIL EVERY DAY!
GRRRRR!
THAT LOW GROWL!! ABOVE ME!! WHA--?? NO! A PUMA!!
TOO LATE TO DRAW--HE'S ALMOST ON TOP OF ME!!

GRRRRRRRRR
HALLLLLPP! NO! NOO!!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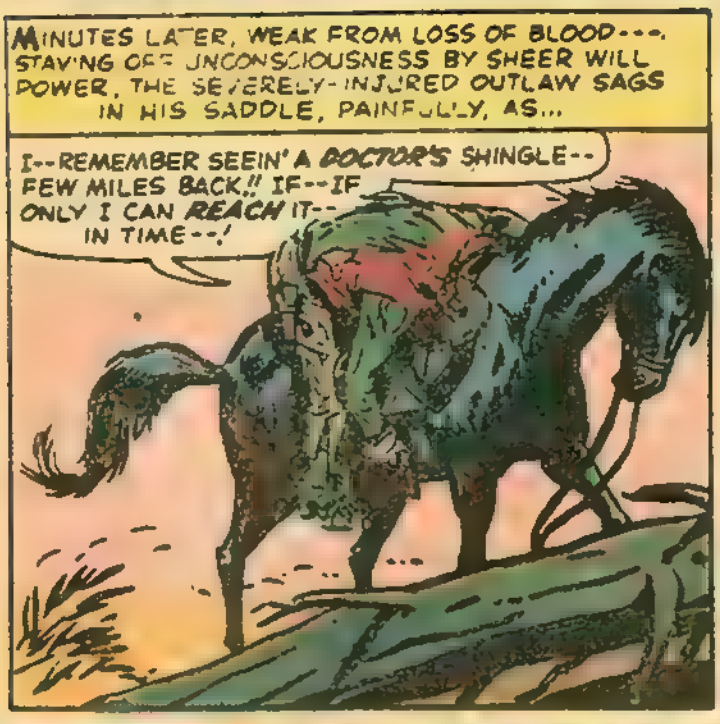
CRACK! CRACK!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I--REMEMBER SEEIN' A DOCTOR'S SHINGLE--FEW MILES BACK!! IF--IF ONLY I CAN REACH IT--IN TIME--!

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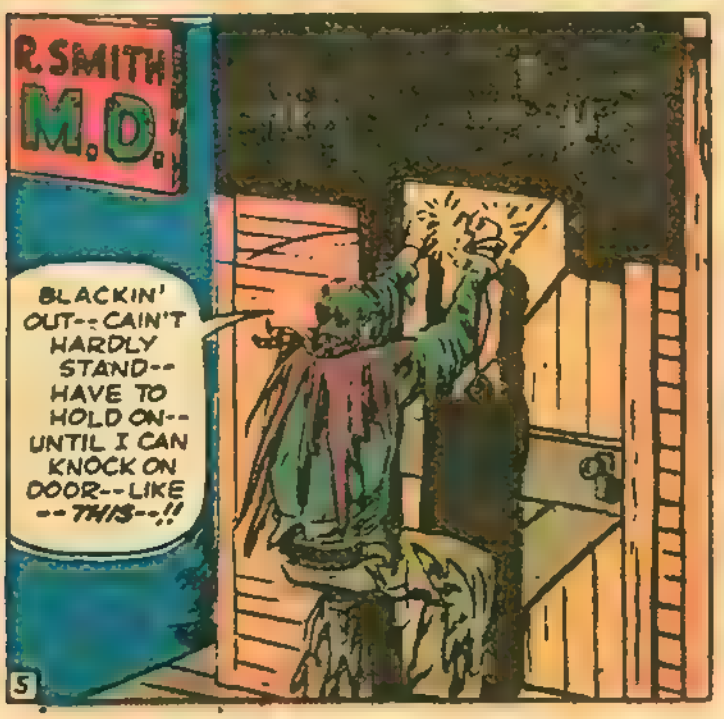
MADE IT!! LUCK IS WITH ME!! I'LL PULL OUTTA THIS ALL RIGHT!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BLACKIN' OUT--CAIN'T HARDLY STAND--HAVE TO HOLD ON--UNTIL I CAN KNOCK ON DOOR--LIKE --THIS--!!
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BUT, AS THE DOOR SWINGS OPEN--THE LAST THING THE INJURED MAN REMEMBERS, BEFORE PASSING OUT, IS THE FACE THAT GREETS HIM--AND THE MEMORY OF THE WORDS: "SOONER OR LATER, YOU'LL PAY--!"
YOU!
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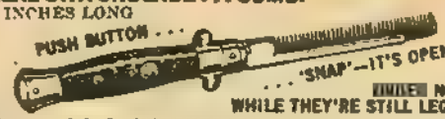


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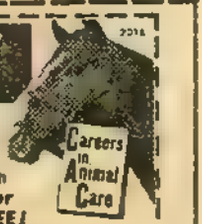


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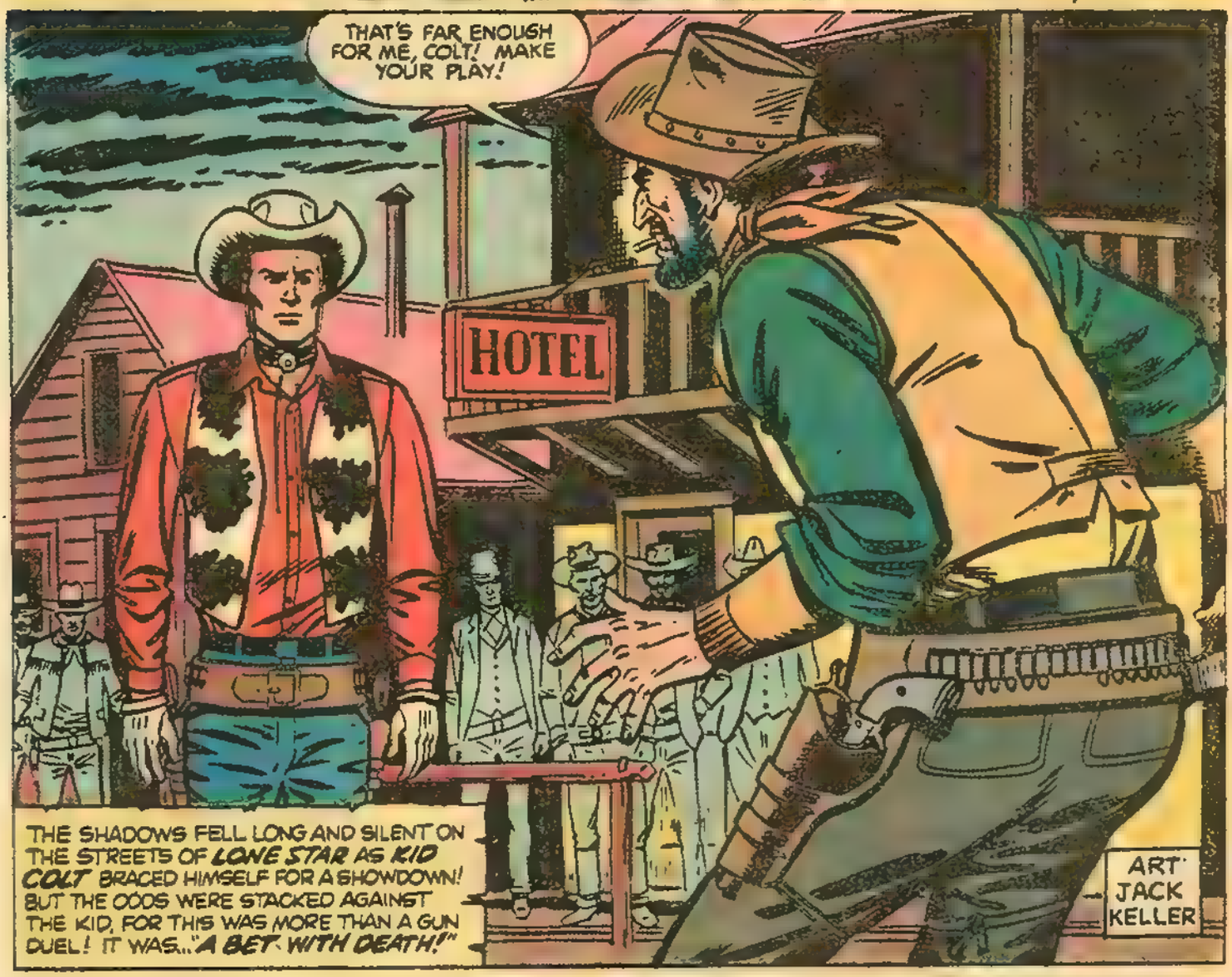
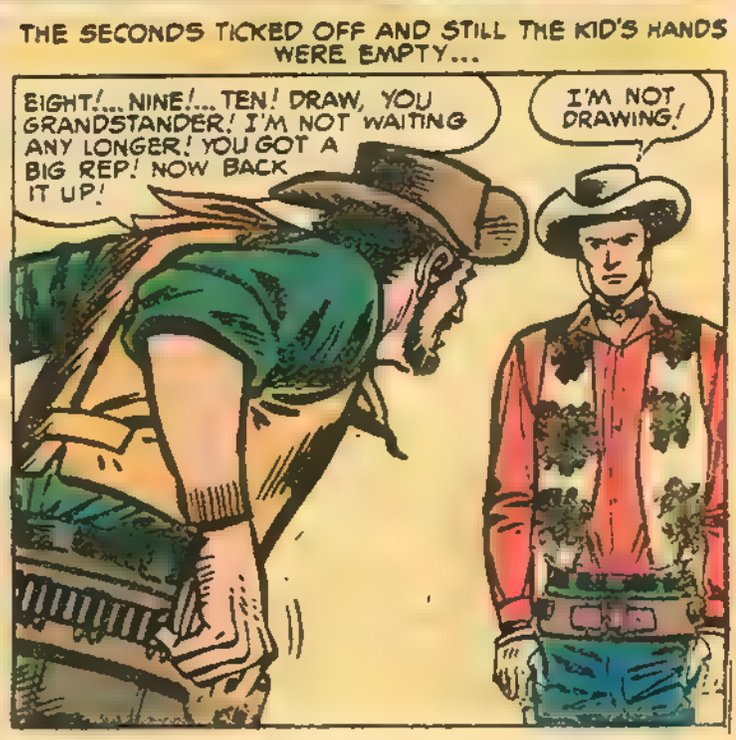
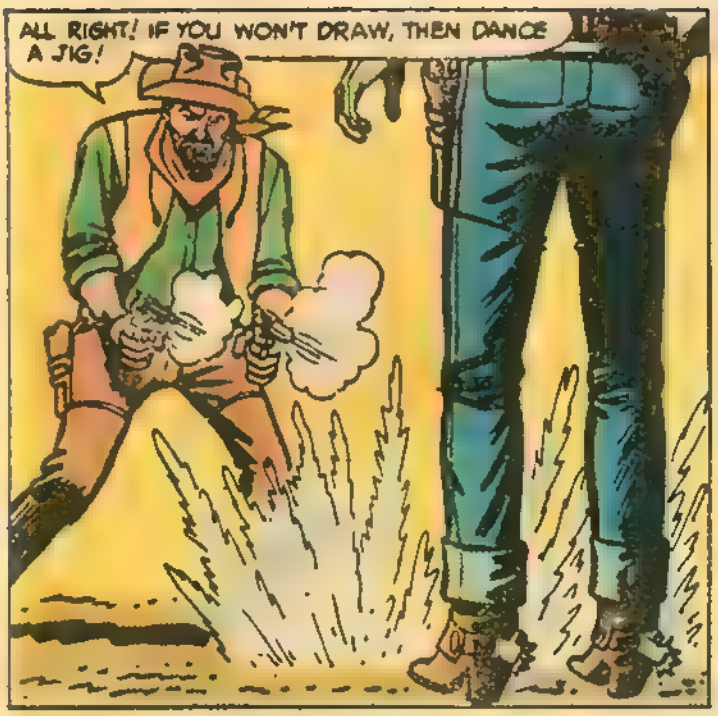
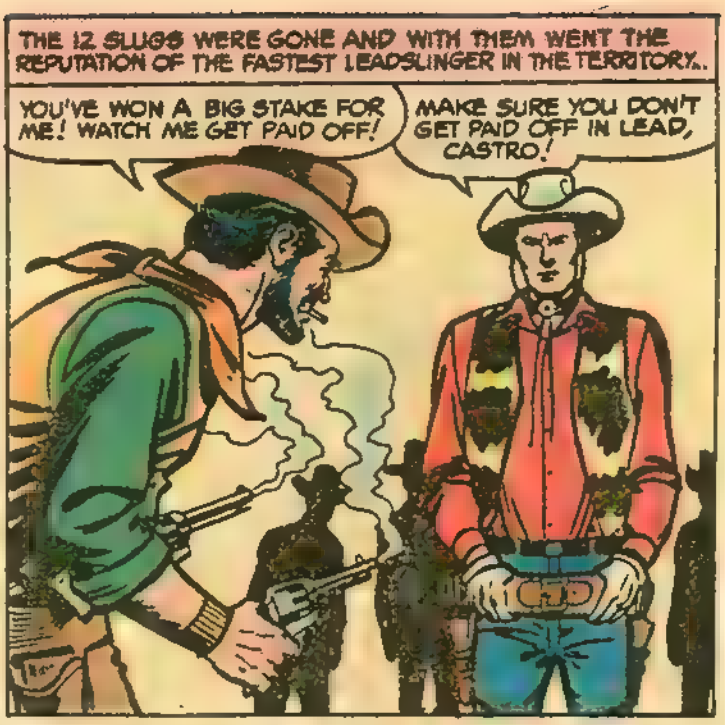
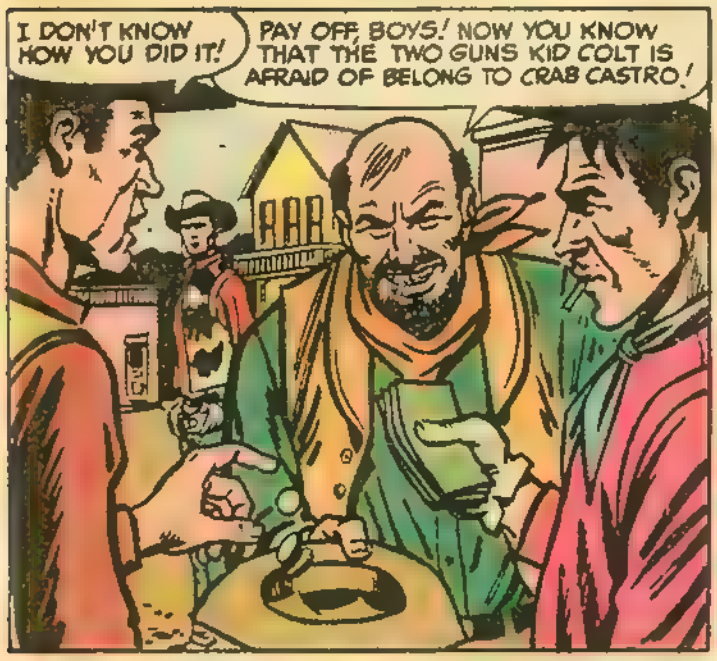

THAT'S FAR ENOUGH FOR ME, COLT! MAKE YOUR PLAY!
HOTEL
THE SHADOWS FELL LONG AND SILENT ON THE STREETS OF LONE STAR AS KID COLT BRACED HIMSELF FOR A SHOWDOWN! BUT THE ODDS WERE STACKED AGAINST THE KID, FOR THIS WAS MORE THAN A GUN DUEL! IT WAS..."A BET WITH DEATH!"
ART JACK KELLER

THESE TWO MEN WERE FAST! ONLY ONE OF THEM WOULD LEAVE THE STREET ALIVE ...
I'M NOT DRAWING, CASTRO! THE ONLY REASON YOU'RE STAGING THIS BLUFF IS BECAUSE YOU KNOW THE REASONS WHY I CAN'T DRAW!
I DON'T KNOW NOTHIN'! YOU GOT TEN SECONDS TO MAKE A PLAY OR GET OUT OF TOWN LIKE A WHIPPED HOUND!
ORIGINALLY PRESENTED IN KID COLT #74

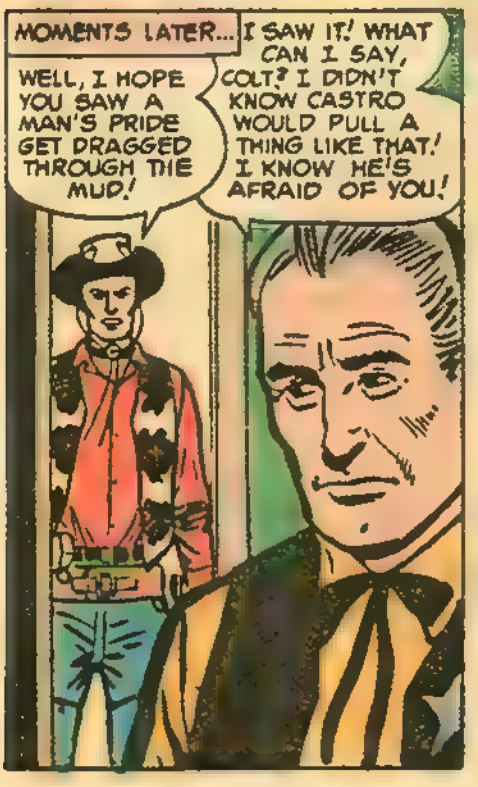

THE SECONDS TICKED OFF AND STILL THE KID'S HANDS WERE EMPTY...
EIGHT!... NINE!... TEN! DRAW, YOU GRANDSTANDER! I'M NOT WAITING ANY LONGER! YOU GOT A BIG REP! NOW BACK IT UP!
I'M NOT DRAWING!



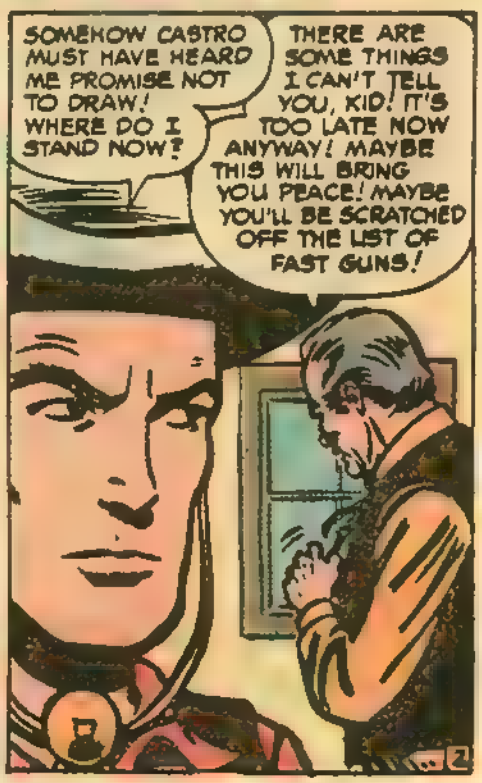


THE 12 SLUGS WERE GONE AND WITH THEM WENT THE REPUTATION OF THE FASTEST LEADSLINGER IN THE TERRITORY..
YOU'VE WON A BIG STAKE FOR ME! WATCH ME GET PAID OFF!
MAKE SURE YOU DON'T GET PAID OFF IN LEAD, CASTRO!



SO YOU HAD BETS WITH THESE FOOLS THAT YOU'D GUN ME DOWN COLD, EH? CASTRO, THE NEXT BET YOU PLACE AGAINST MY GUNS, YOU'RE LIABLE TO LOSE!
G'WAN... YUH DON'T SCARE ME, COLT!


MOMENTS LATER...
I SAW IT! WHAT CAN I SAY, COLT? I DIDN'T KNOW CASTRO WOULD PULL A THING LIKE THAT! I KNOW HE'S AFRAID OF YOU!
WELL, I HOPE YOU SAW A MAN'S PRIDE GET DRAGGED THROUGH THE MUD!

YOU WOULDN'T LET ME IN TOWN TO WATER MY HORSE UNLESS I PLEDGED MY GUNS TO SILENCE! DID YOU FORCE ANY OTHER LAW-DODGING RATTLERS TO A FROZEN GUN PROMISE?


SOMEHOW CASTRO MUST HAVE HEARD ME PROMISE NOT TO DRAW! WHERE DO I STAND NOW?
THERE ARE SOME THINGS I CAN'T TELL YOU, KID! IT'S TOO LATE NOW ANYWAY! MAYBE THIS WILL BRING YOU PEACE! MAYBE YOU'LL BE SCRATCHED OFF THE LIST OF FAST GUNS!

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# BULLPEN BONUS PAGE! (WHAT ELSE?)

**ITEM!** Ever wonder why one writer or artist gives up a feature to another? Well, here's a case in point: At almost the same time recently that STEVE (Baby) GERBER got an overwhelming urge to write our DEFENDERS spectacular, it seems that Live-it-up LEN WEIN got a similar itch to script a lone-wolf superhero like DAREDEVIL. The first Ye Editor knew of it was when the pair marched into my office in tandem and said they'd like to trade books for a while; I figured each of 'em would bring a new and infectious enthusiasm to already-popular mags, so I okayed the deal. Ditto with Len and Merry GERRY CONWAY, who're trading writing chores on FANTASTIC FOUR and MARVEL TEAM-UP, mainly so that Ger can handle virtually all of the many Spider-Man pages which are unleashed by the House of Marvel every month. (All, that is, except those which are scripted by an obscure newcomer named JEANIE THOMAS — no relation to Ye Editor, except by marriage — for our nefarious new title, SPIDEY SUPER STORIES, published in conjunction with TV's Electric Company, big brother to Sesame Street!)

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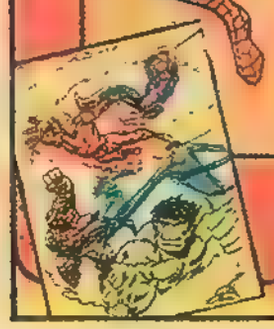

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I'M SORRY!
THE KID WAS GONE AND HELPLESS RAGE BOILED WITHIN THE SHERIFF...
TWO USELESS HANDS! YOU RUINED ME AND NOW YOU'VE RUINED THE LIFE OF ANOTHER MAN!
MINUTES LATER
I CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER. YOU'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING NOW, DOC! CAN I USE THEM OR CAN'T I?
JESS, ALL THE MEDICINE IN THE WORLD CAN'T IMPROVE ON NATURE'S GREATEST HEALER...TIME! YOU HAD BLOOD POISONING...YOUR HANDS AREN'T READY FOR USE!
WHY THE HURRY?
BECAUSE UNLESS I STOP THE RABBLE FROM WRECKING THIS TOWN, I MIGHT AS WELL QUIT! I'M A SHERIFF WITHOUT THE HANDS TO HOLD MY GUNS!
BECAUSE OF ME, A MAN NAMED KID COLT IS WALKING AROUND AS A LIVING TARGET FOR THESE GUN-CRAZY BUSHWHACKERS! HANDS OR NO HANDS, I'M GOING OUT FOR A SHOWDOWN!
COME BACK HERE, YOU FOOL! YOUR HANDS ARE USELESS!
MEANWHILE...
THE SHERIFF WON'T RAISE A FINGER TO STOP US FROM TAKING OVER ALL THE GAMBLING IN THIS TOWN! THIS TOWN IS OURS FOR THE ASKING!
WHEN I SAW YOU RUN KID COLT OUT, I KNEW THE ROAD WAS CLEAR! I FEEL BETTER WITHOUT HIM AROUND! WE'RE WITH YOU, CASTRO!
OKAY, BOYS! LET'S START ORGANIZING THIS TOWN! I WANT EVERY CASINO AND BUSINESS PLACE LINED UP BY SUNDOWN!
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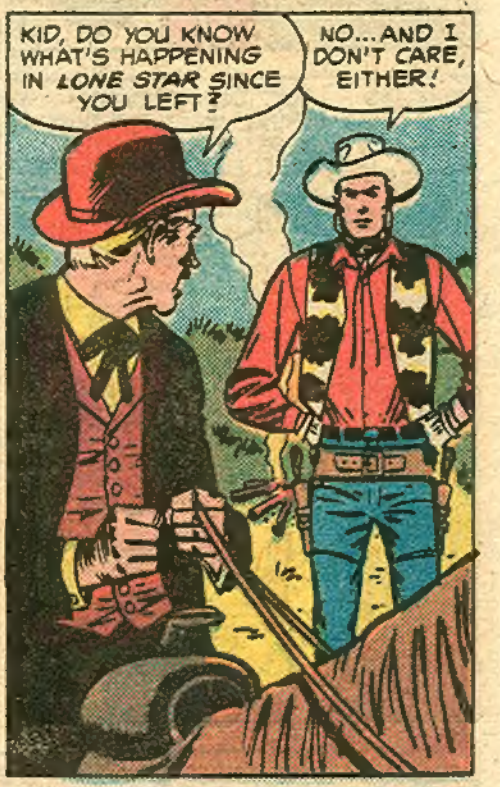
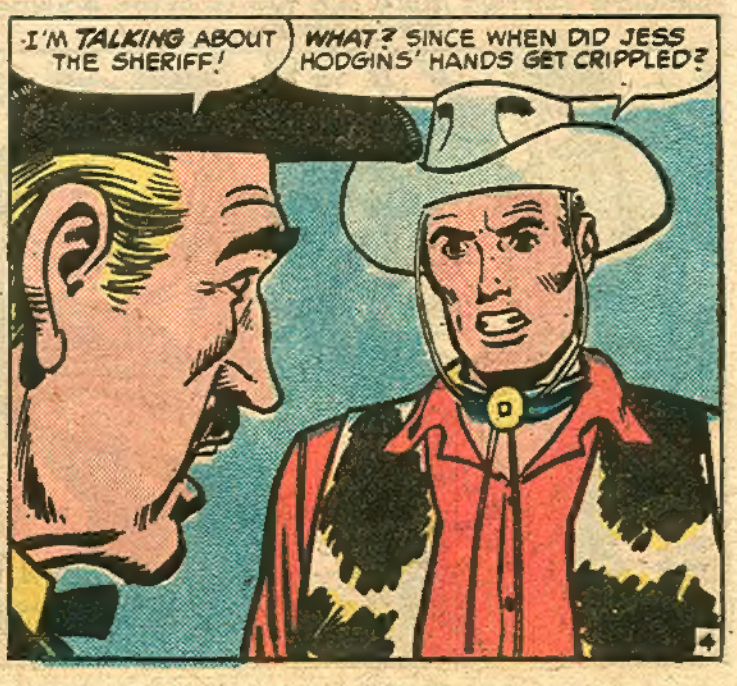
I CAN'T JUST STAND HERE AND WATCH A TOWN DIE!

SLOW DOWN! TELL YOUR BOSS I'M COMING OUT TO STOP HIM!
SURE THING, SHERIFF! IT'S YOUR FUNERAL!

MEANWHILE, IN A HIDDEN ARROYO NOT FAR FROM TOWN...
KEEP YOUR HARDWARE COOL, KID! I'M DOC GREGG AND I'D LIKE A WORD WITH YOU!
I'M LISTENING!


KID, DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING IN LONE STAR SINCE YOU LEFT?
NO...AND I DON'T CARE, EITHER!

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IF I TOLD YOU A MAN WITH USELESS HANDS IS GETTING READY TO HOLD OFF THE ENTIRE CASTRO MOB?
I'D SAY HE WAS A FOOL AND YOUR SHERIFF OUGHT TO LOCK HIM UP FOR BEING LOCO!


I'M TALKING ABOUT THE SHERIFF!
WHAT? SINCE WHEN DID JESS HODGINS' HANDS GET CRIPPLED?

I'VE BEEN TREATING JESS FOR BLOOD POISONING FOR TWO MONTHS! THAT'S WHY HE ASKED YOU NOT TO USE YOUR GUNS IN TOWN! NOW HE'S GOING TO STAND OFF CASTRO WITH USELESS HANDS!
NOT IF I CAN HELP IT!
MINUTES LATER...
LISTEN HARD! I'M GIVING YOU ALL A CHANCE TO GET EVEN! I'LL COVER EVERY BET CASTRO WILL PUT UP! MY MONEY SAYS HIS GUNS AREN'T FASTER THAN MINE!
YOU GOT YOURSELF A BET! WE SAW CASTRO HANDLE YOU BEFORE! HE CAN DO IT AGAIN!
WHEN I DUST YOU OFF, I'LL HANDLE THE SHERIFF!
I'LL BE WAITING ON THE STREET, CASTRO! IF YOU DON'T COME OUT, I'LL COME IN!
WHY DID YOU COME BACK?
DOC TOLD ME EVERYTHING! WE'LL DO THIS TOGETHER, SHERIFF! JUST FILL YOUR HANDS AND I'LL DO THE REST!
CRAB CASTRO DIDN'T COME OUT ALONE! HE CAME WITH THE HENCHMEN WHO HAD NOTHING TO LOSE AND EVERYTHING TO GAIN...
I... CAN'T... WORK MY... GUNS!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO! GIVE 'EM TO ME WHEN I'M EMPTY!
NO LIVING THING COULD WITHSTAND THE BLASTING FLAME OF THE KID'S SPITTING GUNS AND TWELVE EXTRA ROUNDS WERE WAITING...
AND WHEN IT WAS OVER, THE STREETS OF LONE STAR WERE QUIET AGAIN...
IT LOOKS LIKE THE TOWN IS YOURS AGAIN, SHERIFF!
NOT MINE, KID... YOURS! YOU'LL BE WELCOME HERE ANY TIME... LIKE A NATIVE SON!
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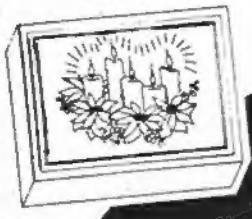

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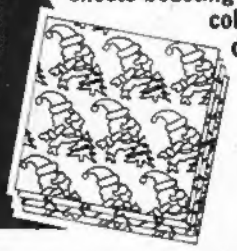

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